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Sixty-eighth session

Summary record (partial)* of the 1983rd meeting**
Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva, on Friday, 30 January 2015, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Ms. Sandberg

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Closure of the session

1. **The Chairperson** said that, as at 30 January 2015, there were 194 States parties to the Convention; 159 States parties had ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict; 169 States parties had ratified or acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; and 14 States parties had ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

2. The Committee had held its sixty-eighth session in dual chambers, and in 54 meetings. The Government of Ghana had not yet appointed a replacement for Ms. Aidoo, who had tendered her resignation on 30 October 2013.

3. During the current session, the Committee had considered 11 periodic reports submitted under the Convention (Colombia, the Dominican Republic, the Gambia, Iraq, Jamaica, Mauritius, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay); 4 initial reports under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Cambodia, Iraq, Turkmenistan and Uruguay); and 5 initial reports under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Cambodia, Iraq, Switzerland, Turkmenistan and Uruguay). Concluding observations had been drawn up for all of the 20 reports that had been considered.

4. She took it that the Committee wished to adopt the concluding observations.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The Chairperson** said that at its 1982nd meeting, held on 30 January 2015, the Committee had discussed the outcome of treaty body strengthening process, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, and the outcome of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, held in June 2014. The Committee had also begun its discussion on making a simplified reporting procedure available to States parties, as stated in decision No. 11, adopted at its 1928th meeting in September 2014.

7. The Committee had amended rule 17 of its provisional rules of procedure to include a new paragraph 3, which read: "The Committee should as far as possible ensure geographical rotation of the Chair". It had also amended rule 23, paragraph 2, to read: "The two-year term for the Chairperson should not be renewable. Other officers shall be eligible for re-election in the same role, in principle one time. None of them, however, may hold office if he or she ceases to be a member of the Committee."

8. The Committee had continued the work on its three general comments on: public spending to realize children's rights; adolescents; and children in street situations.

9. At its 1982nd meeting, the Committee had adopted a report on the day of general discussion on "Digital media and children's rights", held on 12 September 2014.

10. **Ms. Herczog** (Rapporteur) said that during the current session, members of the Committee had met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the adviser on children's rights in the Office of the High Commissioner and the secretariat of Child Rights Connect.

11. **The Chairperson** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the report on its sixty-eighth session.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **The Chairperson** declared closed the sixty-eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The discussion covered in the summary record ended at 3.20 p.m.